

SPEAKER: Read the substitute amendment, Senator:

SENATOR WHITNEY: (Substitute amendment read). I don't know whether that wording is exactly the way it should be or not but in this respect, then, the County Clerk or the Election Commissioner would definitely do whatever he could to discover who it was that was deceased so I submit this amendment.

SPEAKER: We now have the new amendment before us. Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized on this new amendment. Actually, it's a rewording of the old.

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to verbally acknowledge that I agree with this new amendment. I would also like to comment that the Election Commissioner's office in Lancaster County, reads not only the death notices but the marriage notices and if someone moves out of state, they also are taken from the election list.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I'm wondering if this, should be, this bill should be laid over. I think probably one of the things as far as death is concerned, that could be handled, would be the death certificate. Now, is it the doctor that makes out the death certificates or is it the mortician and whoever does, why couldn't there be another copy made that this shall be sent to the County Clerk in the area, in the district that he votes? That would solve the whole problem. Very simply.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis, did you wish to be recognized? Senator Marsh? Is there any further discussion of the Whitney amendment? Question is, shall the Whitney amendment be adopted? Senator Whitney, do you wish to close on your amendment at all? Any closing remarks? Question is shall the Whitney amendment be adopted? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. Question is shall the amendment be adopted. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Clerk will record the vote. Excuse me, this is the Whitney amendment. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Whitney amendment is adopted. We are now back to Senator Anderson with the bill as adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have another motion.

SPEAKER: Oh, go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend L.B. 198 as follows: (read).

SPEAKER; Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, Members of the Body, I think this is the one way we can serve the Election Commissioner, see that the people get served and that we do not have the books cluttered up with many people who, in fact, have moved out of the district and/or died. I served on election board for 8 years and I know how much work it is to keep track of all of these books and I think it would be of service to the election workers that if these names could be removed and an easy way to do it is cause a first class mailing to go out at least once every two years and those who do not reside there, the letter will return and this is a good indication that these people do in fact, do not reside there and/or are dead, at which time the Election Commissioner can make a determination if, in fact, they do or do not reside there and if they do not, then their names can be stricken from the list. This will help prevent the fraud that Senator Stromer and some of us are worried about and help update and keep the election rolls updated. I think it's a very simple thing and I think we just